

March 1, 2012

Dear Parents and Students,

This letter is to inform you of a special opportunity for your son or daughter. Granville County Schools is effectively using data to place students in math courses for which they have a predictability of success. Beginning this school year, students will be placed in math courses based partially on the statistical measures associated with their previous academic performance as measured by the Education Value Added Assessment System (EVAAS) tool provided by SAS. EVAAS data provide a predictability of success scale for placing students in Algebra. EVAAS scores are based on all of a student's past performance on the math and reading End of Grade tests.

Data analysis of your child's past test scores show that they have the capacity for increased math rigor. Because your student holds such a high probability of making a level III or IV on the NC End of Course test, Granville County Schools would like to place them in Algebra I. The successful completion of this course will allow your child to take higher level math classes during their high school years and increase their probability of attending college. We would like to elicit your support to encourage your child to give this rigorous math curriculum their full attention.

Sincerely,

Principal  
Granville County Schools